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LSS-229  
14 May 1947

TO : Washington, FBL  
FROM : [ ]  
SUBJECT : Johannes MIHKELSON

REFERENCE: X-9724, dated 24 April 1947 .

1. We have checked our files and attempted to analyze the entire problem following the receipt of your cable No. 1872 and are writing you briefly in accordance with your request in reference memorandum.

2. It appears that the subject is at least highly suspect and any further action taken by us must be based upon the assumption that he is in fact a Soviet agent unless proven to the contrary. With reference to Tilestone's possible connection with him we are up against the same problem that confronts you. We have no idea how reliable your source is, but because of the detailed data which he furnished concerning Tilestone we must consider his information accurate. It is not beyond conjecture that detailed information concerning these antecedents would be available to persons in view of the close relationship between various members of a refugee group.

3. In order that clear information may be available regarding subject, [ ] has been discreetly queried regarding him, and we are now awaiting a full detailed report regarding the past and present activities of the subject. He is closely associated with [ ] in that they are both members of the Estonian Democratic Club. Ticket personally feels that subject is not above suspicion and has never taken him into his confidence regarding refugee problems.

4. As far as is known here, Tilestone is now en route to Poland and will return in a few days, at which time we shall query him regarding his acquaintance with Mikhelson.

5. Our final decision as to action, of course, depends on the results of [ ] report and the interview with Tilestone. Our first reaction is that if Tilestone is in fact in contact with Mikhelson, he is probably at most an unwitting contact, but we will not proceed on this basis until we can determine as far as possible his true sympathies.

6. In our opinion, we feel that after the above-mentioned action is taken if we are still completely in the dark as to the true picture, we should make a direct approach to the SIS and query them concerning Mikhelson. We would, of course, make no mention of Tilestone or [ ]. We feel this action advisable because, as is indicated, the SIS is aware of subject's alleged activities and if he is an unwitting or actual double agent for them, he would constitute as great a security threat to Tilestone. We would like to have your comments on this approach.

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